

Russell & District Horticultural Society

2023

Yearbook



The Russell and District Horticultural Society is dedicated to engaging and educating gardeners of all ages. We encourage the improvement and beautification of our community through gardening, recycling, and supporting local businesses. Our goal is to enhance our community by making it even more beautiful while protecting the environment.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can hardly believe that I've been a member of RDHS for nearly 30 years! Ten years ago, I was president of this group of keen gardeners and here I am at it again! I am astonished at how much I've learned about growing things in our area, the changes in our weather patterns (think later and later dates of killing frosts in the fall), and how the trees we planted all those years ago have grown so tall! But mostly, I am grateful for all the wonderful people I've met and friendships that have endured. I think of those who have died but remember them fondly as I look at plants that they have gifted me and memories of all the good times we've had.

This year, as we slowly make our way out of the covid pandemic, our RDHS Board has put together a great program full of learning opportunities mixed with fun and friendship. Our society is fortunate to have many willing volunteers to offer their time, enthusiasm and expertise for the benefit of us all.

While Zoom meetings got us through the past few years, it is wonderful to be able to meet in person again. This year our District 1 AGM will be in Maxville and the OHA Convention will be in Kanata. Both these venues are within an easy drive and I hope many of our members will be able to attend. It is fun to meet gardeners from Eastern Ontario as well as from all over the province. We gardeners are an interesting and sometimes quirky bunch and I look forward to seeing all of them. Next year, 2024, our society will host the District 1 AGM and we will be looking for help from all of you.

This year our society will be hosting a number of events from garden tours and workshops, the return of the March It On Out, flower shows and road trips, interesting speakers and partnerships with other local groups. Remember that this is Russell's 125th Anniversary. Please join us for the fun.

Yours in gardening,

Pegi Holtz, RDHS President



MESSAGE FROM THE OHA PRESIDENT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As of January 17th, 2023, we all sit and wonder when the snow will disappear and the temperatures rise so that we can again venture into our gardens and outdoor growing environments, I would like us all to take a moment and reflect on the success and resilience of Russell and District Horticultural Society.

The Society continues to be a vibrant part of the community even though we are still not fully back to “normal” with respect to how we conducted our activities in “the good old days”. There are those things we want to do and those things we can do and the difference is simply the remaining effects of the COVID pandemic and all of the continuing health issues and concerns. The work done by the Executive in planning all of the events and activities, while taking everyone’s health into consideration, continues to be exemplary.

It is important that I thank the membership for their support of the Executive and the Society. The measure of success for all of the planning is shown by the fact that your events are well attended and supported. Your Society has welcomed with open arms many new members who bring with them fresh ideas and strong muscles.

At the time of writing this, there are only 62 days, on the calendar anyway, until spring arrives. So enjoy the pause winter imposes, be prepared to start those indoor plants, enjoy the growing season and above all, have fun just digging in the dirt.

Take care, stay safe.

Charles Freeman, President, Ontario Horticultural Association



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MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

In February, the D1 Presidents met by Zoom to choose the winning design for our new District 1 logo, which was unveiled at our District 1 Annual General Meeting (AGM). We met again by Zoom in October. I attended the AGM of each of our eight Societies and installed each new Board of Directors. We awarded our District 1 Service Award to Ginny Blair, who has been a great support to many in our District. All eight societies continued with community work, while most held plant sales, garden tours and flower shows.

Susan Ramsay, District 1 Director



Societies in District 1

Cornwall & District Horticultural Society

Gloucester Horticultural Society

Kemptonville Horticultural Society

Martintown and District Horticultural Society

Maxville and District Horticultural Society

Russell and District Horticultural Society

Vankleek Hill and District Horticultural Society

Williamstown Green Thumb Horticultural Society

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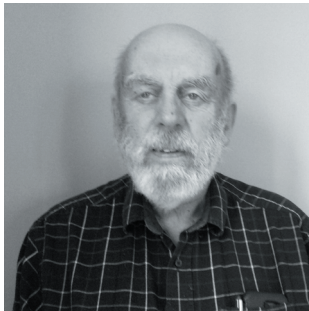
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RDHS MEMBERSHIPS

Adult membership for the Russell and District Horticultural Society is **\$10** per person per year (January to December). For juniors the fee is \$10 per child for the first two children per household, \$5 per child for additional children.

Join this great organization today!

COMMITTEES

Spring Plant Sale – Louise Houle, Pegi Holtz, Marilyn MacMillan

Juniors Liaison – Julie Keravel

Library Liaison – Grace Stapper

High School Awards – Marilyn MacMillan

Flower Shows – Louise Houle, Pegi Holtz, Marilyn MacMillan

Garden Tour – Louise Houle

Day Trips – Louise Houle

Workshops – Louise Houle

Membership – Manja Bastian, Linda Duhamel

District 1 AGM 2024 – Diane Sharp, Christine Lanthier

March It On Out – Louise Houle, Pegi Holtz

Historical Records – Margaret Helliker

Sunshine – Linda Duhamel

Yearbook – Jacqueline Wyss, Pegi Holtz

HISTORY OF THE RUDBECKIA AS OUR SOCIETY FLOWER

Rudbeckias are the official flower of the Russell Horticultural Society, chosen through a competition in 1987. Members were asked to submit their choices and Alice Proper's submission was picked as the winner. It was a great choice and has been featured in yearbooks, on life-member plaques, on painted garden stakes, bookmarks and a 'Rudi' sculpture.

In 1998 the Life Member plaques, awarded in recognition of outstanding long service and effort to the society, bear a reproduction of the watercolour of this flower painted by noted Canadian artist and former Russell resident, Shirley Van Dusen.

During the 1993 community beautification project - the Pride Project, our Society rudbeckia emblem was used on street light poles, along with the emblems of the other Russell village service clubs.

During our Society's 100th Anniversary in 2019, a rudbeckia metal sculpture was commissioned for a draw during the year long celebrations.

In 2000, a workshop was held where members painted rudbeckia garden stakes for a fundraiser and gifts to participants who's gardens were in the garden tour.

LIFE MEMBERS

Life memberships are awarded to someone with a long-time membership in a Society, usually with a minimum of 15 years, who shows a continued interest in horticulture and who participates in the Society and contributes to its programs. We are proud to have the following Life Members in our Society:

Elizabeth Baas, Barbara Boland, Margaret Helliker, Pegi Holtz, Ann Jackson, Dorothy Kinkaid, Lindley McPhail, Alice Proper, Grace Stapper and Marianne Vedder.

RUDBECKIA - PERENNIAL OF THE YEAR

The rudbeckia has been chosen by the National Garden Bureau as the 2023 perennial of the year!

There are so many things to love about rudbeckia! Rudbeckias are sunny and bright, easy to grow, rugged and heat tolerant, give a long blooming season. They are rarely troubled by disease and resistant to deer and rabbits. They can be single or double, short or tall, black-eyed or green-eyed, and they symbolize justice, resilience, encouragement.

Leaving the seed heads to dry on the plant provides winter interest in the garden and food for our seed loving birds. Native rudbeckias are 'pioneer plants', one of the first plants to grow back after a fire. You can now choose from a vast range of both new and old varieties of rudbeckias. Rudbeckias come as annual, biennial and perennial varieties and they can reproduce by re-seeding or spread by underground rhizomes. It's no wonder the black-eyed Susans are found growing naturally in all ten provinces of Canada.

We encourage you to add these special flowers to your gardens this year. They will bring you joy and you will be thanked by the pollinators and birds in your gardens.

2022 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

by Grace Stapper

We are happy and thankful to share that our Russell and District Horticultural Society members were able to be engaged in activities, have a good time, learn new things and make new friends in 2022.

In January we were still in COVID-19 lock down, could not meet in person, and connected via an informative newsletter, sent out to all the members. Nine monthly meetings were held, taking time off in July, August and December. We worked with COVID-19 regulations such as requiring proof of vaccination at meetings, masks or no masks, keep your distance, etc. Ahh, but it was so good to be able to meet face to face again.

We averaged 35 to 45 members in attendance and welcomed new members.

We learned from and enjoyed presentations on a variety of topics. Topics covered a range of interests such as: Forcing Bulbs, Discovering Bonsai, Innovative Community Support Services (who have a facility in Russell), to name a few. A lot of fun was had when the presentation at the meeting was gardening trivia. A garden related question and answer discussion was also appreciated by all at another meeting. We were challenged to enter exhibits in the mini flower show held at the June meeting and had a great response. The November meeting featured our AGM where a new board was elected and sworn in. Each attendee was also able to enjoy making a seasonal craft to take home and display.

Members travelled far and wide through our district on the Day Tours that Louise organized. We were able to visit Green Corners in Edwards, Garden Path Homemade Soaps in Vankleek Hill, LouLou Lavender Farm in Williamstown, Ganden Gardens near Winchester, and Humanics Sanctuary and Sculpture Park in Cumberland.

Several workshops were held and 'great works of art' were created. The workshops were Glass on Glass (done twice due to popularity), Leaf Print Cement Coasters, and Painted Clay Pot Nutcracker.

Our Junior Gardeners program was able to function in 2022. Two leaders planned and organized the 17 children registered for the program. The Juniors' flowers, vegetables and crafts were exhibited at the Russell Fair in August, judged there and awarded prizes.

Much time and effort went into our main fundraiser, the May plant sale. Most of the plants and shrubs are donated by members or friends. Heirloom vegetable seedlings, started by St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, are popular and sell quickly. A yard sale table area featuring garden items was also part of the sale. The planning and

excellent support paid off and we raised a record amount, \$2,991.75. Another fundraiser was the sale of small trees that members had cultivated on their property. It raised approximately \$450.

Involvement in our community continues in various ways. Our society pays for the upkeep of MacDougall Park and the front garden and the Children's Reading Garden at the Russell Library. The serenity garden at Russell Meadows retirement home is brightened by the flowers we plant. We support, and some of our members volunteer, at the Russell Public Library Community Garden. Two bursaries are awarded to high school students interested in pursuing studies in horticulture.

I think we can all agree, 2022 was another good year for the Russell and District Horticultural Society.

2023 PLANTS OF THE YEAR

Perennial of the year

The 2023 perennial plant of the year is Rudbeckia 'American Gold Rush'. This beautiful plant is a stunning addition to any garden. At the height of summer, it turns up the volume for a long season of dazzling color right up to autumnal frosts.

Hosta of the year

The unique blue hosta, 'Neptune' is popular among hosta collectors and makes a nice specimen in the home garden. In spring, the narrow wedge-shaped leaves are a bright glaucous blue and they hold their colour well. As the season progresses they turn more blue-green.

Vegetable of the year

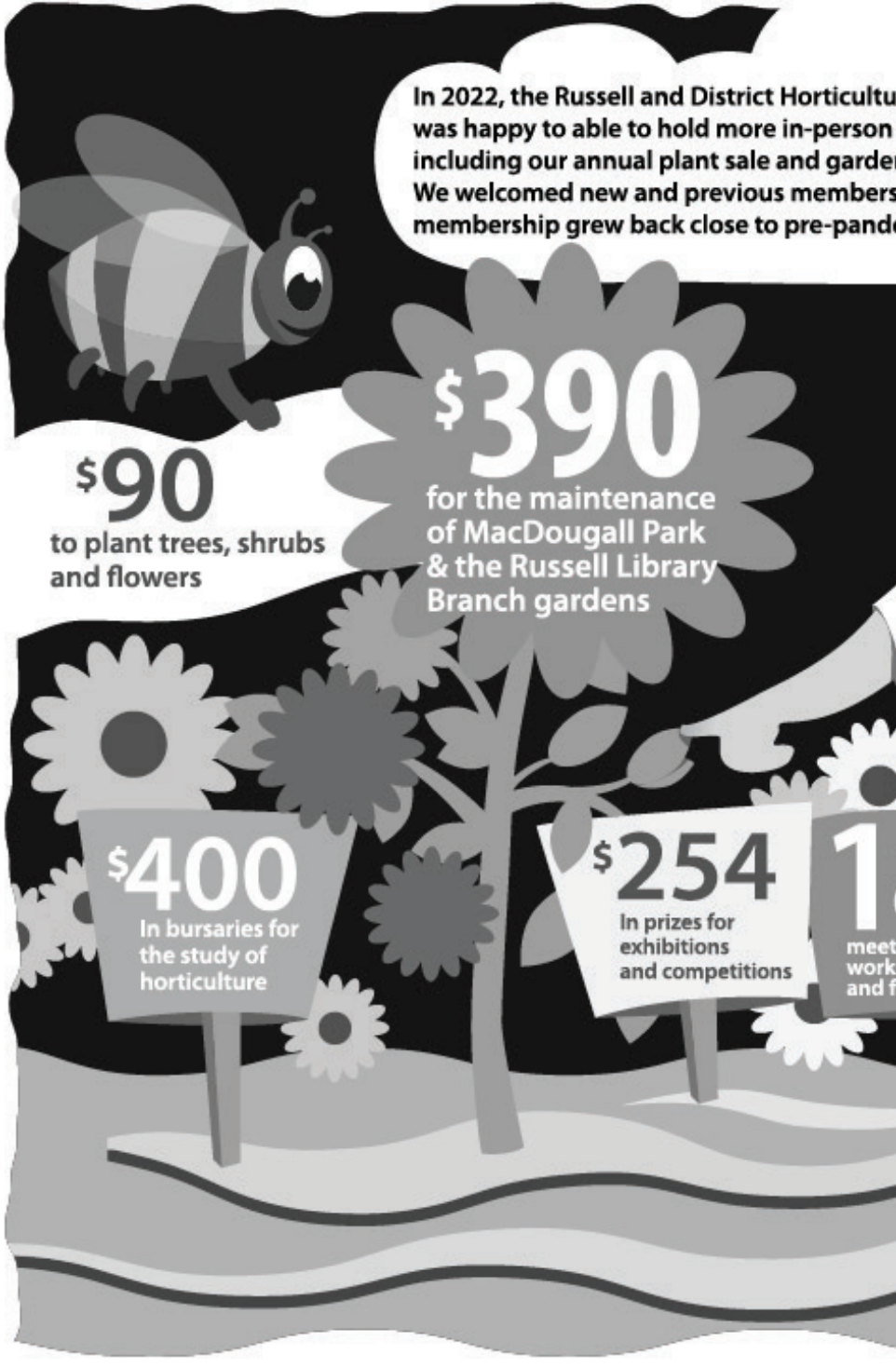
Beyond the abundance and the nutritional value, collard greens also thrive in colder conditions making collard greens a fitting pick.

Fruit of the year

Once known as Chinese gooseberry, kiwis were given the name "kiwi" by New Zealand fruit exporters after the flightless kiwi birds, which are endemic to New Zealand. Botanically, kiwis are classified as berries.

Shrub of the Year

Spirea are excellent candidates for erosion control along hills, forming a beautiful flowering vegetation cover. They are excellent companion plants when grouped with other shrubs, perennials and small trees. Spirea flowers are perfect as cut flowers and are well suited for indoor bouquets and they are not considered toxic to dogs, cats or livestock.



In 2022, the Russell and District Horticulture was happy to be able to hold more in-person including our annual plant sale and garden. We welcomed new and previous members and membership grew back close to pre-pandemic.

\$90

to plant trees, shrubs
and flowers

\$390

for the maintenance
of MacDougall Park
& the Russell Library
Branch gardens

\$400

In bursaries for
the study of
horticulture

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fieldtrips

**2023 promises to
be even better as
we plan for even
more activites!**

2023-2024 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our regular monthly meetings are usually held at 7:00 pm, the third Monday of each month excluding July, August and December.

April 17, 2023 Cindy Cluett of Beyond the House Garden Centre. What's New in the Garden Centre?

May 15, 2023 Brian Carson to talk on Wild Flowers

June 19, 2023 Question & Answer session led by Grace Stapper plus a Flower Show

September 18, 2023 Outdoor plant sale and also Junior Show

October 16, 2023 Mary Ann Van Berlo, Planting for success

November 20, 2023 AGM and craft led by Louise and Johanne

January 15, 2024 Grow Lights and Equipment

February 19, 2024 Hugh Metcalfe of Naturaide Creating Native Plant Havens in Your Gardens

March 18, 2024 Meghann Baker of Fiat Farm talking on Permaculture



2023-2024 MINI FLOWER SHOWS

Judges will be the members attending the meeting. No artificial flowers, please. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded as follows: Prizes are \$5 (1st), \$3 (2nd), \$2 (3rd).

February 19, 2024 meeting - 3 categories

1. "A Salute to the Maple Leaf"
2. "Purple, Green and Gold Flamboyance"
3. "Leap Year"

March 18, 2024 meeting - 3 categories

1. "Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss"
2. "Caffeine Awareness" – an arrangement in a mug or cup, carafe etc., to celebrate caffeine awareness month
3. "March Winds Bring..."

April 15, 2024 meeting - 3 categories

1. "April Fools" – an arrangement in an unusual container
2. "Having the Blues" – an arrangement in denim covered container
3. "National Beer Day" – an arrangement in a beer can, bottle, stein, mug or glass

PLANT PURPLE IN 2023!

Purple is the official colour theme for 2023.

Why purple? Purple has a variety of effects on the mind and body, including uplifting spirits, calming the mind, enhanced feelings of spirituality and encouraging imagination and creativity. From lilacs to coneflowers, from coast to coast, let's paint the country purple!

Russell and District Horticultural Society
2023 JUNE FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE
June 19, 2023

CLASS: Flowers

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

1. Allium, 1 stem
2. Campanula, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
3. Euphorbia, 1 stem
4. Flowering shrub or tree, 1 branch
5. Flowering vine, under 40cm (over the edge of container)
6. Iris, 1 stem
7. Lilacs, 3 stems
8. Peony, red, double, 1 bloom
9. Peony, pink, double, 1 bloom
10. Peony, white, double, 1 bloom
11. Peony, Itoh, 1 bloom
12. Peony, any other colour, 1 bloom
13. Papaver (poppy) – 1 stem
14. Rose, red
15. Rose, pink
16. Rose, any other colour
17. Any other flower not mentioned above, 1 stem

CLASS: Foliage

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

18. Fern – collection minimum 3 varieties
19. Heuchera (Coral Bells) - 1 cultivar, 3 leaves
20. Heuchera Collection – minimum 5 leaves
21. Hosta – 1 giant leaf (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base over 10 inches)
22. Hosta – 1 large leaf (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base 6 to 10 inches)
23. Hosta – 1 medium leaf (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base 4 to 6 inches)
24. Hosta – 1 small leaf (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base 2 to 4 inches)
25. Hosta, miniature, any 1 cultivar, 3 leaves (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base under 2 inches)
26. Hosta - any 1 cultivar, 3 leaves
27. Hosta Collection – minimum 3 varieties, 2 leaves of each

CLASS: Arrangements

Prizes: 1st \$5; Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 28. "Oh So Cute" – a small arrangement (5-10 inches)
- 29. "Foliage" – an arrangement using only foliage
- 30. "Trio" – using EITHER just 3 of the same kind of flower, OR 3 types of flowers, OR 3 containers of flowers, make something beautiful!

CLASS: Fruits and Vegetables

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 31. Collection of freshly cut herbs in 1 container, minimum 5 varieties, named on a separate card
- 32. Display of salad greens
- 33. Rhubarb, 5 stalks
- 34. Any other fruit or vegetable

CLASS: Photography

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 35. "20-20 Vision" – a close up
- 36. "Up & Up & Away" – showing newly sprouted plant(s)

CLASS: Writing

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 37. Acrostic. A form of poetry that is written vertically in capital letters. Please print "BULBS" in 14 point font in bold print with the rest of the poem in 12 point font

CLASS: Art

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 38. A garden element you created

RDHS Rules Governing the Flower Shows

1. Except for the decorative arrangement class, all flowers and vegetables must have been grown and cared for by the exhibitor and not commercially grown.
2. Since one aim of the Show is to educate, please name your exhibits with cultivar name where possible. In the event of a tie, the named variety will win.
3. Judging follows the revised editions of the Horticultural Judging Standards, Publication 34. Please ensure entries meet the requirements as described in this booklet. A copy can be accessed through the Flower Show Committee members.
4. All entries found to be infected by insects or disease will be immediately isolated and disqualified.
5. No exhibitor may enter more than one entry in the same section, unless it is of a different cultivar.
6. All entries must be recorded on the entry form. Entry forms and tags are available at regular monthly meetings and at the show location prior to the show. Entry tags must be affixed to each entry. Only members of the RDHS may submit entries.
7. Entries will be judged in accordance with the requirements of the Section where they were placed and the Entry Tag category designated. If misplaced, but properly tagged, the entry will be relocated and judged with its section. Entries tagged in error will be disqualified.
8. The completed entry form must be given to the Show Recording Clerk when entries arrive. Entry items, complete with tags, can then be placed in the designated category location by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must supply their own containers.
9. No one other than the exhibitor or a member of the Committee may move an exhibit after it has been put in place by the exhibitor. Movement will only be to provide equitable display space for all exhibits.
10. All entries must be in place prior to judging on the day of the Show.
11. Exhibits bearing any marks, other than the number issued to the exhibitor by the society, which might identify the exhibitor, will not be accepted.
12. During the judging activity, no person other than the appointed Judge(s) and members of the Show Committee will be permitted in the hall.
13. The decision of the Judge(s) shall be final. No exhibit will be entitled to a prize unless it possesses points of merit in the opinion of the Judge(s).
14. The Show Committee will take necessary precautions to ensure the safety of the articles placed on display, but cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.
15. Any violation of the rules and regulations will be dealt with by the Show Committee.
16. Points awarded will be recorded and accumulated by the Show Recording Clerk and used to determine winners of special awards.

Point System for Flower Show Prize Winners

First Prize = 3 points, Second Prize = 2 points, Third Prize = 1 point

Notes for Flower Show Exhibitors

- Specimen blooms must be disbudded.
- Removal of dust, stains, pollen and any other foreign material from blooms and foliage enhances the exhibit.
- A bud showing colour is considered a bloom, which affects the bloom count.
- Inaccurate measurement will disqualify an entry.
- Uniformity – specimens in an entry of a given cultivar should be as uniform as possible in size, form and colour.
- Form should be characteristic of the cultivar. Thin, shallow blooms, or distorted or immature blooms are not of exhibition quality.
- Size and colour – according to the cultivar.
- Substance – freshness and turgidity are evidence of good substance and lasting quality.
- Stem and foliage – the stem should be of good proportion, sufficiently strong and stiff to support the bloom, but not coarse.
- Condition and grooming – entries should be at the proper stage of maturity – turgid and free of mechanical injury, insects, disease and spray blemishes.
- Flowers and foliage should display evidence of good culture and grooming.

Definition of Terms: Terminology used is from the new Publications 34, Ontario Judging Standards. Copy can be accessed through the Flower Show Committee members.

Bloom: Individual flower, one to a stem. Specimen blooms should be disbudded for exhibition purposes

Spike: An upright stem carrying several flowers, usually with a short pedicel, such as gladiolus and snapdragons

Spray: A portion of a plant with a number of flowers, e.g. chrysanthemum, petunia, climbing and floribunda roses.

Stem: A plant structure carrying one or more flowers and/or buds. It may be branched, e.g. sweet peas, primulas and iris.

Rules for Photographic Competition

- Exhibitors may enter one exhibit in each Section. Prints submitted should not have been entered in this class before and should be individually mounted.
- Pictures are judged on horticultural merit, photographic impact and subject interest.

2023-2024 DAY TRIPS

Our focus this year will be to visit and encourage local flower producers. Please register on the sign-up sheet (at our monthly meetings) or by contacting Louise at louhou51@gmail.com or 613-443-0514. You must have a 2023 RDHS membership to participate.

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 **Ganden Gardens**, 1416 Rodney Lane
Winchester

Visit a beautifully landscaped property and flower farm with thousands of tulips and take a bouquet of tulips home.

Friday, July 7, 2023 **Green Corners Farm**, 1259 Yorks Corner Rd,
Edwards

A U-Pick flower farm right around the corner. A guided visit and a bouquet to take home. And the owner is a RDHS member!

Thursday, August 10, 2023 **Fields of Gold Sunflower Farm**, 17650
Strathmore Rd, North Stormont

40 acres of sunflowers, u-pick flowers, a corn maze and pumpkin patch. Take home a bouquet of sunshine.

2023 GARDEN TOUR

Garden Tour with a twist

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

This year we will be doing our garden tour on the Quebec side, at a very special domain. La Chasse-Gardée du Marais is located in Chelsea, nestled in the Gatineau hills. The gardens, created by Adrien Clavet and Réjean Lyrette and coached by some of the best known horticulturalists, align human creation and natural elements. Featured in newspapers, magazines and TV shows, La Chasse-Gardée du Marais is a gardener's paradise. We are privileged to be invited to visit this property.

2023-2024 WORKSHOPS

Please make sure you register for these workshops on sign-up sheet at monthly meetings, or call Louise at 613-443-0514 or email at louhou51@gmail.com. Payment prior to workshop required to save your place. Places are limited so sign up early. Bring your own lunch and beverages. You must have a 2023 RDHS membership to participate.

Glass on Glass

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 10:00am to 4:00pm

At Pegi's 8730 Victoria St, Metcalfe

Choice of frame/window, mobile or totem. Supplies of multi-colored glass pieces, baubles, glue, wire, and cutters included. Bring your own totem pieces or frame or window (not exceeding 12"x24"), gloves and cutters or pliers for mobile. Limit of 8 participants. Pre-registration fee of \$20.

Pine cone art board or frame

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 10:00am to 3:00pm

At Pegi's 8730 Victoria St, Metcalfe

You may choose to add these pine cone flowers on a barn board or in a frame. You will need to bring a board or frame, some dried pine cones (could be from any conifer). Paints, brushes, and glue will be supplied. Limit of 12 participants. Pre-registration fee of \$20.

Painted Clay Pot Snowman Plant Holder, Christmas decoration

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 10:00am to 3:00pm

At Pegi's 8730 Victoria St, Metcalfe

Great to hold your poinsettia. All supplies included. You may bring gloves for painting. Limit of 10 participants. Pre-registration fee of \$20.



RUSSELL IS TURNING 125 YEARS OLD IN 2023

It's the 125th anniversary of the Police Village of Russell (PVR), incorporated in 1898 by the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

What is a Police Village? Police Villages were established in Ontario in the late 1800s, where a local population was too small to form a municipality. Their original purpose included maintaining public order (hence "police"), wooden sidewalks, minor street lighting, and other projects in a rural area. Most Police Villages were amalgamated into municipalities in 1971. Russell has the distinction of being the last Police Village in Ontario!

The Russell Police Village Trust was established in 2000, after the sale of the Russell Hydro Electric System assets to Ontario Hydro. The PVR Trustees, a three-member board elected at the time of Municipal

elections in Ontario, maintains the principal of the fund at \$1 million. The Trustees review applications submitted by Russell community groups and determine investment revenues available to support their projects, for the benefit of the community at large.

Be sure to join in the Russell Village 125th anniversary celebrations at the street party on June 23, 2023 and also Heritage Day in September.

"Whether you're a lifelong Russellite, or someone who is new to the area, these events will be an excellent opportunity for us to better understand our past and bring us all together in the present to connect as a community."

Mayor Pierre Leroux

Right in the village of Russell, there are two wonderful conservation areas that are part of the South Nation Conservation Authority (SNC).

The J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area is 16 acres of green space nestled in a subdivision. This is a 1980 land donation to SNC to provide a public recreational area for generations to come. The park links with the Russell Township New York Central Fitness Trail, a converted railway perfect for cycling and rollerblading. There are two entrances to this area, one at 98 Craig Street and the other at 110 Forced Road, Russell.

You can also explore 3 km of nature trails that wind alongside the Castor River at the W.E. Burton Conservation Area. Enjoy a walk, (bring along your dog on a leash) or have a picnic in the shelter near the Russell Dam. There is an entrance at 601 Church Street, Russell.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The society wishes to acknowledge and thank the following people and organizations for their cash donations, gift certificates, prizes and/or their professional talents that were donated during 2021 and 2022.

Government of Ontario
Beyond the House Garden Centre
Green Corners, U Pick Tulip Farm

We would also like to thank all those members and their families without whom our programs would not be as successful as they are.

The objectives of the Russell and District Horticultural Society are to encourage interest and education in horticulture by:

- holding meetings and educational workshops;
- encouraging the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers in our community;
- promoting outdoor beautification;
- arranging field trips, competitions and exhibitions related to horticulture;
- distributing seeds, plants, bulbs, flowers, trees and shrubs;
- promoting the protection of the natural environment;
- promoting the circulation of horticultural information through any media;
- stimulating an interest in the study of horticulture in gardeners of all ages.

Keep up with everything that's going on by signing up to our email list, checking our website at www.russellgardeners.ca or following us on Facebook.

2023 - 2024 RDHS EVENTS

Saturday, March 25, 2023 March it on Out!

Monday, April 17, 2023 Meeting and What's New in the Garden Centre with Cindy Cluett of Beyond the House Garden Centre along with a Mini Flower Show

Monday, May 15, 2023 Meeting and presentation on Wildflowers with Brian Carson

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 Day Trip to Ganden Gardens

Saturday, May 20, 2023 Annual Plant Sale at MacDougall Park

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Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Painted Clay Pot Snowman Plant Holder, Christmas decoration Workshop

Monday, October 16, 2023 Meeting and presentation on planting for success with Mary Ann Van Berlo

Monday, November 20, 2023 Annual General Meeting and craft lead by Louise and Johanne

Monday, January 15, 2024 Meeting on grow lights and equipment presentation

Monday, February 19, 2024 Meeting and talk on creating native plant havens in your garden with Hugh Metcalfe of Naturaide and mini flower show

Monday, March 18, 2024 Meeting and a talk on Permaculture with Meghann Baker of Fiat Farm and mini flower show

